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2. Shef Edwards telephoned to say that several Employment Review Boards were being delayed seriously because many members thereof were on leave or had other duties which conflicted. Told him that I was going to bring this up at the next Deputies' Meeting and recommend that a ruling be made whereby persons placed on such Boards were informed that their responsibilities in connection therewith took priority over their regular duties and that in this way we could get Board proceedings overwith in a few days.

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TONE 3. Shef requested that in raiding efforts to staff such Projects as AQUA-
[redacted] we exclude clerical personnel who had been recruited by of-
fices other than the Office of Personnel and who had planned to work in those
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feasible.

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5. Dr. Tietjen and I met with General Cabell to discuss the role of the Medical Staff in the [redacted] type of business in which the Technical Services Staff is conducting general research. Our question was "Should the Medical Staff participate in this activity and to what extent?" I told General Cabell that I was unable to give Dr. Tietjen guidance in this matter and that I wanted to make it clear that I felt the Medical Staff could not make a contribution and certainly could in no way be held responsible for any aspect of the Project with the limited participation now permitted by it. General Cabell felt strongly that the Medical Staff should be a full participant in this Project so that it could contribute those things which it had the competence to contribute in this field. He also felt that it had an over-all "check and balance" responsibility; that is, if this Project should proceed in a direction which the Chief, Medical Staff thought was wrong it was his duty to express himself in this regard, and if he felt strongly enough about it he should go to General

Cabell or the Director. In conclusion, General Cabell felt that it was necessary to take some specific action to insure that this was accomplished. His first thought was to have a meeting with [redacted] and Dr. Tietjen. Dr. Tietjen suggested that he first meet with Dr. [redacted] and discuss the matter and report back to General Cabell. This was approved.

6. [redacted] advises me that the Bureau of the Budget is holding its first Hearing under the regional concept on Monday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Assistant Secretary of State Allen is to be the principal witness. ICA, USIA, and Defense, in addition to State, are participating. The areas to be discussed are South Asia, the Near East, and Africa. We have been invited to send a representative. I want Chuck to go and will clear with Dick Helms as to any additional people he might want to send.

7. [redacted] and I met with Messrs. Poss, Palmer, and Hunter of the Public Buildings Service to talk about Harrison & Abramovitz' desire for an increased fee in view of the fact that we are planning on a \$56,000,000 building in lieu of a \$46,000,000 building. This is brought about by the difficulty which Harrison & Abramovitz are having with their subcontractors.....these fees are usually established as a percentage of the total construction cost. The Public Buildings Service believes that Harrison & Abramovitz have a legitimate claim for an increased fee and it was generally conceded that this might be as much as \$200,000. Arrangements have been made to meet with Mr. Johnstone of Harrison & Abramovitz tomorrow to discuss the matter.

8. Shef and I have agreed that [redacted] as one of our Budget Examiners. I have so advised Hart Perry, Bureau of the Budget.